

LARGER CROP OF POTATOES THAN A YEAR AGO

(Continued from Page One) The eastern sections the volume of supplies coming in from Illinois points and from the early land district of Minnesota has been on the increase...

The quality of the early stock coming from Minnesota has been very satisfactory, but from reports on the crop in Wisconsin districts it seems to be the opinion that a good percentage of the early stock will No. 2s. However, prospects for the late crop in these two states, as well as Michigan are reported very good.

Tuesday the market was easier under a slow call with bulk field run Illinois Early Ohio selling around \$2.50@2.25; Minnesota bulk field run Early Ohio, \$2.15 to \$2.30 and sacked stock \$2.30@2.35 per cwt. Virginia No. 1 Irish Cobblers sold at \$4.50@4.80 per bbl.

The market was lower again Wednesday with bulk Illinois and Minnesota Early Ohio selling mainly at \$2 per cwt. and sacked stock at \$2.10. Virginia No. 1 Irish Cobblers were easy at \$4.50@4.75. Receipts were 48 cars.

The market was steady Thursday with prices a trifle higher. Minnesota bulk Early Ohio sold mainly around \$2.10 and Virginia Irish Cobblers at \$4.75@5. Receipts were 20 cars.

August Forecast 391 Millions. Washington, D. C. —Drought and heat during July caused a loss of about 14,000,000 bushels in the potato crop of the country, according to the August report of the bureau of crop estimates out yesterday. The forecast is for 391,000,000 bus. compared with the July forecast of 405,507,000 bushels. Last year's crop was 442,536,000 bushels, according to the December estimate.

Sweet potatoes are placed at \$4,500,000 bushels for August compared with \$2,119,000 bushels July 1 and \$7,141,000 bushels as the 1917 crop according to the July estimate.

Potato Blight in New York. Syracuse, N. Y.—Announcement is made by Manager J. W. Teal, of the Onondaga county farm bureau, of the appearance of a new potato blight, which promises to work much destruction to the county's crop. The disease was discovered but a few days ago and many growers believed it was merely the result of the excessive hot weather and the drying of the ground.

The growing plant is affected and within a few days is dead. It is believed that the malady originates in the growing tuber and is transmitted to the stem of the plant thru the sap-carrying veins. Where the stems emerge from the soil, the disease takes hold and dries out a portion of the stem for several inches, destroying later the rest of the plant. The leaves dry up and become yellow, and the entire plant finally breaks down. No control for the disease is known and sprays are ineffective.

Manager Teal is endeavoring to trace the source of the disease and believes that it came in infected seed brot in from outside points. It was first noticeable among the early tubers, Mr. Teal said, and he declared that 50 per cent of the crop has already been destroyed. Now the late production has become infected, as the disease is infectious. The indications are that it will spread further and may result in the entire crop being blighted.

The state department admits inability to control the disease and urges all farmers whose crops are affected to take precautions next year in ascertaining that the seed they purchase is not infected. An attempt will probably be made to ban the sale of potato seed raised in any district where the disease made its appearance.

Kansas Movement Slow.

Kansas City —Uncertainty in the potato grading situation the middle of the week was holding back buying by shippers in the Kaw valley and shipments were light, not alone from this cause, but due also to the fact that hot weather was preventing digging. Up to the middle of the week total shipments out of the valley were about 603 cars against 450 to the same date last year. Shipments from the bottoms east of Kansas City were 44 cars against 79 last year.

The f. o. b. market at valley points sacked, was around \$1.95@2 with a few especially good bringing up to \$2.10 per cwt. Demand was rather light.

In the local market homegrown stock was supplying the demand, an average of five to six cars a day being offered. Sales of this stock generally ranged in a small way from \$2.20 to \$2.50 per cwt. in bulk.

California Shipments Light.

The market on potatoes is very quiet, due to the fact that very few outside orders are coming in. Demand from Oregon and Washington has practically ceased and the San Francisco market took quite a slump. There are very few potatoes being dug at this time. Growers do not care to sell at \$2.25 which they consider a very low price and shipments out of Stockton are exceedingly light.

Los Angeles Shipments. Los Angeles, California. — Small supplies of white potatoes have been

arriving in Los Angeles during the past week.

Demand and movement is good and the market is firm with supplies of good stock light. Sales direct to retailers, homegrowns, many scabby White Rose, are at \$5@95c per lug box; sacked, quality and condition fair, at \$2.35@2.40, and a few resorted at \$2.75@3.

Destinations of carlot shipments from the state the past few weeks are as follows: American Lake two cars, Ardmore one, Benton one, Belen seven, Bohemia one, Brighton one, Calexico one, Chilo two, Chicago one, Clifton two, Cording one, El Paso 18, Farwell 8, Ft. Worth 1, Fresno 7, Gallup 5, Houston 3, Los Angeles 2, Lowell 1, Mountain Acre 1, Ogden 3, Parker 1, Portland 3, Phoenix 5, Reding 2, Sewell 4, San Luis Obispo 2, Santa Fe 2, San Diego 2, San Antonio 1, Salt Lake 1, Sacramento 1, San Francisco 42, Seaton 8, Spokane 1, Sweetwater 1, Tuscon 2, Tacoma 1, Tucumcari 1, Washington 2, Wheatland 7.

Jersey Receipts Heavy.

New York City. — Receipts of Jersey potatoes are now very heavy running 40 to 50 cars per day. Potatoes from Virginia are letting up. The market on best Jerseys ran from \$4 to \$4.75 per barrel or 165-pound bag. Maryland and Delaware No. 1s were bringing \$3@3.50 per barrel and a few fancy Long Islands reached \$5. Top prices on eastern shores was \$4.75 with sales mostly at \$3.50@4.50. No. 1 Virginias sold around \$3.50@4.50. Lower grade potatoes sold all the way from \$2.50 down, according to quality.

Enforcing Grading Rules.

Kansas City —Strict enforcement of the potato grading rules of the food administration are indicated in letters received this week by several potato shippers in this section handling Kaw valley stock.

"You, as a licensee, must realize that the potatoes you ship must be graded in accordance with the grading rules," say the letters. "We will expect an immediate explanation from you, also assurance that you will comply with the rules of the food administration in reference to the grading proposition," the letters continue.

Some of the shippers from the valley have not been grading stock U. S. No. 1 and No. 2, although a few have, according to the bureau of markets. Thursday it was said that none would be allowed to ship stock unless it was graded and practically no potatoes were being bought. As a matter of fact, the great majority of potatoes will not grade No. 1 on account of size and other defects, and a wire was sent the latter part of the week to the food administration by shippers protesting against the grading requirements, as conditions here are not feasible to grading, according to their statement.

Revoking Dealers Licenses.

That the potato grower's interest is to be looked after by the federal food administration is indicated in the following dispatch:

Philadelphia. — The most drastic penalty that has yet been inflicted in Pennsylvania for violation of the food laws has been meted out by the federal authorities to Schwartz Bros., owners of a large department store in Johnston, Pa. Their wholesale license has been revoked for the period of the war, and their retail license revoked until October 10.

The retail license was revoked on the charge of improper rejection of two carloads of potatoes, and the wholesale license was canceled because the authorities found that the licensee used it to secure preference for his own business without regard to the needs of the trade in general. Last fall Schwartz brothers ordered two carloads of potatoes from a firm in Ann Arbor, Mich. The potatoes were shipped, but before delivery the price went down about 35c a bushel. On the arrival of the potatoes at Johnston Schwartz Bros., refused to accept them, giving as the reason "delay in filling the contract." They offered, however, to take them at a lower price, which was agreed to by the Ann Arbor company. On receipt of the telegram of acceptance, Schwartz Bros., declared that the potatoes had been frozen and they would not accept them.

Complaint was made by the Michigan firm to the United States food administration. The case for the food administration was conducted by C. J. Hepburn, chief counsel for the United States food administration for Pennsylvania, who concluded that in the attempted cancellation of these orders, Schwartz Bros., were actuated solely by the drop in the market prices and the desire to shift to the shoulders of the shipper the loss that otherwise they would have suffered themselves. In furtherance of these ends Mr. Hepburn finds they deliberately allowed the potatoes to freeze, notwithstanding the warning of the local food inspector. For their offense their retail license was revoked until October 10.

Mrs. Robert Reddish entertained at a 1 o'clock luncheon Wednesday afternoon complimentary to her mother, Mrs. Tibbets of Hastings.

Habit to Be Avoided.

The habit of unkind criticism or promiscuous criticism, if you prefer the word, grows by leaps and bounds if permitted to flourish at all. We have ideas in which we take a certain amount of pride, and those who do not live by them fall under the ban of our displeasure. We have no reason for believing that our ways are better, we merely assume it, and expect others to take the same line of thought. You see we demand freedom of action that we are not willing to accord to others.—Exchange.

Local News

C. E. Baldwin, of Lincoln, with his daughters, May and Harriet, and Mrs. Hopewell, arrived in Alliance Monday night via auto, coming from Scottsbluff and Bayard. He party is visiting for a few days on the Avery ranch and will visit the potash plants before returning to Lincoln, being interested financially in one of the plants.

The entertainment and dance at the Elks club Wednesday evening in honor of the men who were voluntarily inducted into the army and who left at midnight for Kansas City where they entered the auto training school. Those who left Alliance were Chas. Powell, Joe Williams, Alfred Johnson, Roy Mendenhall. F. W. Cloud went from Logan, Iowa.

Dr. Morris will speak at the Methodist church Sunday morning on "The Seven Pillars," and in the evening on "Looking for a Man." Sunday school at 10 o'clock and Epworth League at 7 p. m.

Box Butte county institute will be held at the Central school, Aug. 26 to 30. All teachers who expect to teach in Box Butte county the coming year must attend.

F. W. Irish and family are enjoying a camping trip up near Henry as their vacation.

Miss Rosella Wilson returned to her home in Broken Bow after visiting her sister, Mrs. Fred Dill, for about six weeks.

Floyd Tryon is enjoying a visit with his sister, who arrived in Alliance on Friday of last week.

L. Moxon, jeweler at Brennans, and family left for a visit with friends and relatives in the eastern part of the state. They made the trip in their Maxwell car, and intend to be gone until September 1.

Miss Christine Fenning, of Gering, is in Alliance visiting Miss Alforetta Lamont this week.

Miss Thelma Westley was called to Wheatland, Wyoming, Sunday noon on account of the serious illness of her brother.

Miss Della Nelson and Mrs. Rex Corryell are visiting at the Pate ranch near Bonner this week.

Mrs. L. W. Harvey, of Newcastle, Wyoming, has been visiting friends in Alliance the past week.

Mrs. W. R. Colling left last Tuesday night for a visit with relatives at Table Rock, Neb. Mrs. Robert Drain accompanied her as far as Grand Island.

W. E. Cutts has resigned his position as manager of the Farmers Union store, and D. E. Purinton has taken his place. Mr. Cutts will continue to handle the cream.

Sergeants Hollingshead and Bulger spent Tuesday in Alliance on their way back to Camp Cody.

r. and Mrs. Leonard Stevens stopped off on their way to Scottsbluff W. H. White.

Prof. Pate came over from Chadron Monday for a few days.

W. E. Rousey and family, accompanied by Misses Meta Koester and Ruth Hawes, returned Saturday evening from the Black Hills where they have been spending their vacations.

J. W. Gaddis arrived Saturday for a few days' visit with his family.

H. J. Kuhn and family expect to leave Friday for an extended visit with relatives in the eastern part of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Reddish entertained a few friends at their home at a 7 o'clock dinner last Friday evening.

Mrs. William Ostenburg, Jr., and daughter, Margaret Ann, of Hoffman, spent the first of the week in Alliance with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Smith.

Miss Lena Jamieson, of Hoffman, came up Wednesday to spend a few weeks in Alliance.

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Railroad Notes

SCHOOL FOR TRAINING WOMEN AS RAILROAD TICKET SELLERS

The United States railroad administration issues the following: Because of the need for skilled ticket sellers and the difficulty of obtaining enough trained men the railroad administration has opened school in several sections of the country for training women to fill these positions.

The present force of trained ticket sellers will be retained whenever possible because of the expert character of their work, but it has been found necessary to supplement their activities with women. This is due partially to the increase of traffic and partially to the loss of men to the army and navy.

When thoroughly trained, women ticket sellers will be paid the same salaries as men doing the same work. Already enough applications have been made to fill the schools for the present.

After preliminary training of from one to two months, the women who show aptitude will be given work on actual selling the simpler form of tickets and gradually will be worked into the sale of more complicated forms.

Fireman F. Neville went to Lincoln and Kansas City Monday to visit his parents and other relatives before he gets drafted.

Master Mechanic C. O. Davenport, of the Sterling division, has been in town the last two days on company business.

Mrs. Dan Fitzpatrick is back to her home in Ravenna after being in a hospital at Lincoln for some time.

Engineer J. R. Willis and wife spent Sunday at St. Springs.

Fireman C. R. Bailey, who came here the fore part of July from Chicago received a message today that his home in Chicago was destroyed by fire, but his family was safe.

Engineer Wm. Eberly made a business trip to Bayard Friday of last week.

Fireman C. M. Adams and wife left today for a pleasure trip to the southern part of Colorado.

Engineer Ellis and Fireman Prettie are on the weed burner on the west end.

Extra 5290 east, burned a Journal off a box car and delayed 43 two hours today.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Thompson expect to leave in the next few days for a few weeks' visit to Deadwood, Sioux Falls and Sioux City.

Boiler Inspector B. Rowland was called to do some work at Crawford today, on one of the hill engines.

Engineer G. C. Rugh and family are in the Black Hills country visiting this week.

Firemen J. A. Witowack, C. E. Loessner and H. C. Stitzman were set up as engineers today.

The Seneca-Edgemont freight pool has been abolished. Hereafter there will be two pools out of Alliance—one east with 01 engines and one west with 02 engines.

Engineer A. J. Cole and family are taking a two weeks' combined fishing and visiting trip in the Black Hills country.

Engine 2908 threw a trailer tire at Bingham Monday. The Ellsworth local engine was sent to bring in the train.

J. A. Edwards and family have returned from their visit at Deadwood.

Fireman H. Bandholtz and mother went to Chicago Monday for a visit.

Fireman Stanford and wife went to Deadwood Wednesday. Mr. Stanford had been called there for the examination for the draft.

Mrs. C. R. Witham expects to go to Sidney for a visit within the next few days.

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Mrs. Robert Birney left for Crawford Tuesday to spend a few days with Mr. Birney's parents. She will join Mr. Birney there and return to Omaha the latter part of the week. Mrs. J. Rowan, M. E. Johnson, E. G. Laing and Miss Russell returned Tuesday from Chadron, where they attended a meeting of the Junior Red Cross association.